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17 MAY 1962

The Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dean:

I asked the Board of National Estimates to prepare the attached memorandum in response to your recent cable from Canberra asking the intelligence community to look into the possibility that Moscow is now permitting a freer Chinese hand in Southeast Asia.

I concur with the thrust of this memorandum and want to assure you that the subject of Sino-Soviet relations and their implications is something I intend to have kept under constant scrutiny.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) John A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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